

REMARKS

Claims 1, 28 and 50-97 were pending in the application, with claims 2-27 and 29-49 previously canceled and claims 50-91 previously withdrawn. Claims 1, 28, 92 and 97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rappaport et al. Claims 93-96 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, previously withdrawn claims 50-91 are being canceled without prejudice, and claims 1, 28, 92 and 97 are also being canceled, leaving claims 93-96 presently under consideration. Of the claims presently under consideration, claims 93-96 have been amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the amendments, new claims and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 28, 92 and 97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rappaport. These claims have been canceled, rendering their rejection moot.

Claims 93-96 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 93-96 have been amended to independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 92, now canceled) and any intervening claims (none). As such, claims 93-96 are now allowable. Claim 96 has been further amended to correct a typographical error ([at] from).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 440402000300.

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